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## A CHRISTMAS GREETING TO ALL.

At the request of several of our Patrons and for the convenience of those who have not had time to make their Christmas Purchases, we will keep our

**Store Open Until 12 O'Clock  
On Christmas Morning,**

thus giving an opportunity to those belated ones to inspect our stock of

Cloaks, Gloves, Laces, Handkerchiefs,  
Hosiery, Silks, Dress Goods, Fans,  
and Fancy Goods in General.

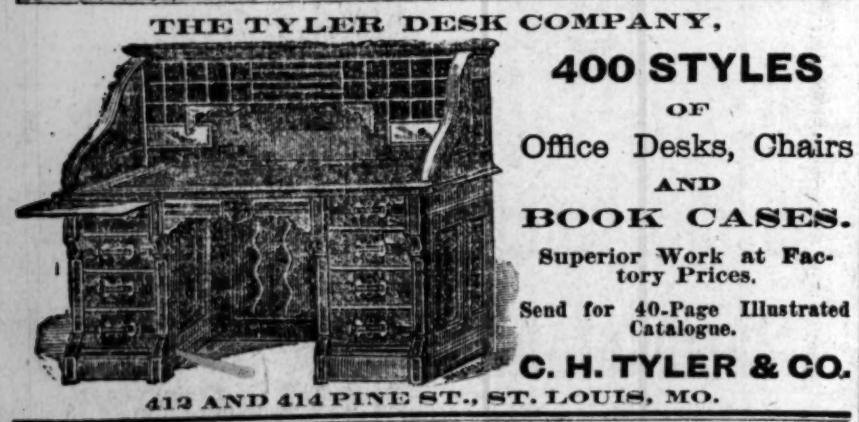
All Appropriate and desirable Gifts at prices SO LOW that they will come within the reach of everyone. Come early and we shall be pleased to wait on you.

**W. H. GUMERSELL & Co.,**

413 and 415 N. 4th St.



AND  
TINNERS' STOCK OF ALL KINDS  
FOR SALE BY  
EXCELSIOR MANUFACTURING CO



**NOW OPEN!**  
Holiday Novelties in Variety Unexcelled.  
**MELLIER'S**

711 Washington Avenue.

WINTER RESORT.  
**HAMILTON HOTEL**  
BERMUDA.

Most delightfully located, commanding extensive view of harbor and islands, greatly improved, and possessing all modern comforts. Price \$125 per week. Climate perfect; cuisine unexceptional. Tourists, invalids and others attracted to all seasons. A visit to Bermuda is a wintering place to avoid the rigors of a Northern winter in a visit to Bermuda.

Proprietor.

**MAXWELL BROS.**  
Horse and Mule Market.  
Horses and mules bought and sold on commission.  
1416 to 1428 Broadway, St. Louis.  
Liberal cash advances made on consignment.

**JOHN MAGUIRE,**  
REAL ESTATE AGENT  
BOND WALNUT ST. BET. 5TH AND 6TH.

## LEUBRIES' SOUVENIRS

To-Day and To-Morrow, Christmas,  
TILL 1 O'CLOCK.

## S. J. BRITTAI&N & CO.

## HOLIDAY GOODS

Are now spending their last Holidays at the old stand, SIXTH AND FRANKLIN AVENUE, and notwithstanding the very large trade we have had since the announcement of our removal sale, our Stock in

is still complete, particularly in DOLLS, CHINA TEA SETS, LEATHER AND PLUSH PURSES AND BAGS, SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, LACE COLLARS, LACE TIES, LACE FICHUS.

Customers will find it Profitable to Look Through To-Morrow.

YOUR LAST CHANCE and our last pleasure in waiting upon Christ-mas customers at Sixth and Franklin Avenue, and as a parting fare-well we shall make this Monday long to be remembered.

Real Duchess Lace Ties, 25c.  
Black and Cream Spanish Ties, 30c, and 50c.  
Black and White Matelasse Ties, 8 and 10 inches wide, with pearl edge, 80c, \$1 and \$1 25.  
Real Spanish Guipure Ties, \$1 50, \$1 75.  
Real Matelasse Ties, 12-in. wide, \$2 50.  
Real Black Spanish Fichus, 25c.  
Real Creme Spanish Fichus, 55c, 60c, 75c.  
Real Spanish Fichus, all pearled edge, \$1 50.  
Real Spanish Fichus, extra large, \$2 25, \$2 75 and \$3.  
Real Spanish Guipure Fichus, in Cream and Black, very large, \$3 50, \$4 and \$4 90.

These are the handsomest goods made and fully one-half their real value.

Real Irish Point Collars, \$1.  
Real Irish Tatting Collars, 50c.  
White Mill Fichus, 25c.  
Hand-painted China Tea Sets, 30c.  
Hand-painted China Tea Sets, extra large, 75c; well worth \$1 25.

All our Dolls, have shoes and stockings, and are actually but half what others charged.

Painted Work Boxes, 30c, 40c and 50c.  
Real Leaf Albums, 75c.  
Hand-painted China Tea Sets, 30c.  
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GREAT REDUCTIONS IN  
Plush Mirrors.  
Plush Odor Cases.  
Plush Toilet Sets.  
Plush Jewelry Cases.  
Plush Cologne Cases.  
Plush Boxes with fine Stationery.

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## WEDDED IN JAIL.

## Romantic Courtship of a Horse Thief and a Choir Leader.

Aggie Austin, a Village Beauty, Breaks the Law to Join Her Lover in Prison—The Remarkable Result of Religious Visit to a Dungeon.

By Telegraph to the Post-Dispatch.

GLOVERVILLE, N. Y., December 24.—On Friday a romance was consummated away up in the Adirondacks which, in tangled plot and novel details, claims equality with the strangest of the many fabulous Christmas tales that are just now being printed. The story is told by a man who came to this town to-day from Sagewood, Hamilton County. Fred Roderick, a young man of 25 or 26 years, of burly frame, but with a centaur-like countenance, always the son of a popular old guide up at Indian Lake, has been confined in the Hamilton County jail at Sagewood for the past four months, awaiting trial on the charge of stealing a pair of horses from a farmer of that county. Every Sunday afternoon the Rev. Arthur Chambers, the pastor of the Methodist Church in the village, in company with a dozen or more members of his congregation, holds a prayer meeting and song meeting in the jail. For two years it has been the habit of

MRS. AGNES AUSTIN, the young and amiable daughter of a village apothecary, to join the missionary band, and sweet voice is credited with having influenced many a tough-minded prisoner to confess his sins. The first Sunday after Roderick's arrest, she became acquainted with him during the meeting, and on several succeeding Sundays it was noted, with some exultant remark, she was often in the side of honor with the prisoner rather than at her customary post in the choir, laboring for the general salvation. After a month or so, by permission of the Sheriff, she and Aggie, and later the whole band, visited to the prison, assuring the jail attendants that her "heathen" was fast falling under the influence. Finally she began to make her visits more frequent. This led to little whispering among her co-workers but no genuine popular suspicion was aroused. Some five or six weeks ago Roderick confessed to his crime, and Aggie, giving him the time, heartily praised and cheered him for the evangelizing efforts of Miss Austin. This only bred envy in the several breasts of his deserted co-workers and tongue after tongue began to wag. But every friend in the community it was the chief topic discussed. With the

POST OFFICE LOAFERS.

Aggie Austin, the most popular of the approbrious scenes connected with that of Fred Roderick, and all sorts of rockies tales was indulged in. Mr. Austin vainly forbade his daughter continuing her visits to the jail. The father then sought his son-in-law in the village, who was more successful, for the visits were at once interdicted. Two weeks ago last Thursday Agnes disappeared from her home, and was heard of her whereabouts until last Saturday in an unstable cabin down into Sagewood with Aggie behind him. She was taken before the magistrate and sent to jail on a charge of desertion. The next day he was arraigned and sentenced to jail for one of the several weeks he had been there.

HER LOVER.

was suffering confinement. The Constable said that she stole the horse in broad daylight and when she was caught she fled for safety, attempting to escape. Her story is that Fred told her to go to his father's camp and await his arrival, which would be soon as soon as he got out of jail. The constable said he had no proof, but he was sure she was telling the truth. After waiting for him at camp for more than a week she says she became desperate, and, resolving to join him in jail, ran away from the camp with the deliberate intent of finding some one else. Her stealing the same horse that Fred had once stolen, she asserts, was a simple accident. Miss Austin's ball was at 8:30, but she refused to go to the theater and remained at liberty. On Friday morning Roderick sent for the Sheriff and informed him that he wished to wed Agnes Austin, who, when brought before the Sheriff, declared a similar intent. The Sheriff deemed it his duty to comply with their wishes and Committing Magistrate Jarvis was summoned. In a whisky trial two weeks ago.

BLOOMINGTON, December 24.—The Chicago express was thrown off the track by a misaligned switch Saturday noon. At night an east-bound passenger train ran into a freight at Sangamon station, smashing fifteen cars. VANDALIA, December 24.—The snow and sleet have been very damaging here.

NAPPA, December 24.—Mrs. Jessie McGee died here yesterday, aged 101.

ATLANTA, Georgia. The tenth anniversary of the woman's crusade was celebrated by the W. C. T. U.

BEMENT, December 24.—John Atkins has gone to the gallows. The sheriff intended to let him go to 10 years, and therefore of legal age, the sheriff deemed it his duty to comply with their wishes and Committing Magistrate Jarvis was summoned. In a whisky trial two weeks ago.

BLOOMINGTON, December 24.—Carl Gull, a German boarding-house keeper, died last night of trichinosis. His family is affected with it.

ent, Howell Circuit; reversed and remanded.

Corwin Spence, respondent, vs. St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railway, appellant, Jefferson Circuit; affirmed.

The court ordered:

A SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY MURDERS HIS BROTHER.

A TRIVIAL QUARREL WHICH ENDED TRAGICALLY—THE MURDERER GIVES HIMSELF UP—A MOTHER'S GRIEF.

By Telegraph to the Post-Dispatch.

NEWARK, December 24.—At 9:30 o'clock last night a 17-year-old boy ran into the First Precinct Police Station, and in the wildest excitement exclaimed:

"Send for a doctor; I've shot a man."

Lieut. Trowbridge thought the fellow was crazy. The youth said his name was John Schneider, and that he had shot his brother, Gustav, at their boarding-house, No. 176 William Street. The brother boarder with John Schoppen and his wife, Gustav, aged 20, is a hussar and John is employed in the Domestic Sewing Machine Factory. The brothers had a quarrel about business matters, and during the war of words the elder called the younger a vile name. John at that time was in an adjoining room. He retorted, and

THE ELDER BROTHER entered where he was. Gustav raised his fist to strike, when John drew a 32-calibre revolver and fired, shooting Gustav through the heart. The murderer fled, but was captured just as the shot was fired. The murderer rushed into the other room, pulling the revolver. He was disarmed, after a struggle, by John Schoppen and his wife. Gustav, aged 20, is a hussar and John is employed in the Domestic Sewing Machine Factory. The brothers had a quarrel about business matters, and during the war of words the elder called the younger a vile name. John at that time was in an adjoining room. He retorted, and

THE MURDERER BROKE LOOSE, and proceeded to police headquarters, where he was located. He was a fine looking fellow, as was also his murdered brother. The brothers are Hungarians, and in consequence of the secession from the empire their mother left home and boarded with the Schoppenhauers. They could not agree with their stepfather. Two months ago John Schneider wanted to kill him, some one, and was disarmed. Some of your correspondents will recall the scene of the tragedy to-night, he found Mrs. Theis, the mother of the Schneiders, there. The poor old woman was in terrible agony. She was accompanied by her daughter, a young lady with a luxuriant coat of blonde hair, and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as those of a porpoise tint and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as those of a porpoise tint and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as those of a porpoise tint and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as those of a porpoise tint and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as those of a porpoise tint and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as those of a porpoise tint and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as those of a porpoise tint and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as those of a porpoise tint and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as those of a porpoise tint and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as those of a porpoise tint and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as those of a porpoise tint and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as those of a porpoise tint and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as those of a porpoise tint and a set of manners as delicate as吸引人 as 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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

OLYMPIA—Joe Jefferson—“The Rivals.”  
GRANDE—Joe Murphy—“Kerry Gow.”  
POPE—Tome, Mrs. Winslow.”  
PROFLY—“The Devil’s Auction.”  
STANDARD—Gen. Adams—“Humpty Dumpty.”  
EDWARD’S THEATRE COMIQUE—Variety Oba.  
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LOTTA is not a success in London. The class of Londoners who would enjoy her acting have no money enough to get into a theater.

MISS COLOMBIERI repeats her denial that Miss BERNARDI struck her. When they were in this country both of them struck a great many people—as being a little off.

We admire the enterprise which makes us acquainted with the secret treaty between England and China as soon it is signed, but we admire still more the enterprise which gives us the exact language of the treaty when no treaty has been signed at all.

GOVERNOR CRITTENDEN’s vindication is not quite complete. At least we may say that the honors are not easy when one Grand Jury has plainly censured the Governor of the State, and when another Grand Jury has reported that it can find no legal evidence against him.

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Under the present system the Speaker has also got too much power. He can determine by the appointment of committees what the course of legislation shall be. He is a dictator instead of a presiding officer.

Another broker said that the following amount had been lost in Villard stocks during the past two months: D. O. Mills, \$500,000; Drexel, Morgan & Co., between \$500,000 and \$600,000; Horace Greeley, \$200,000; Bissell, Ellsworth & Co., \$400,000; Winslow, Lawrence & Co., between \$300,000 and \$400,000; Ex-President Billings, \$600,000; Decker, Howell & Co., \$600,000; Samuel Brocock, \$200,000; Work, Strong & Co., \$200,000. Against these figures are the amounts which went over to the other side of the market, namely to the bears: Wooster & Co., \$400,000; Henry Clews & Co., \$60,000; Hamburgh & Co., \$500,000; Wm. H. Travers, \$400,000.

REASONS FOR THE SUN.

THE reason why the Speaker appoints the committees is because the Sun did not think of changing the rule until after it had failed to secure the election of RANDALL as Speaker. Had RANDALL been elected Speaker the Sun would have said never a word about the election of committees.

This is another proof that with the New York Sun its hindsight is better than its foresight.

NO WIGWAM WANTED.

In connection with the holding of the National Democratic Convention in St. Louis, the suggestion has been made that St. Louis will have to build a wigwam, that the next President of the United States may be nominated amid the plaudits and acclamations of tens of thousands of enthusiastic spectators. That is just what we do not want. What

is wanted is to have the President nominated not by the spectators, but by the Convention. We do not want the deliberations of the Convention to be influenced by any outside pressure.

If it can be understood that the applause of the gods in the gallery counts for anything in the nomination we may expect the galleries to be packed with malice afterwards. The tumultuous proceedings at the last Chicago Convention should be a warning against the plan of having too many spectators. It is, of course, necessary to admit a limited number of citizens, but this audience should be free from any suspicion of local or venal influence.

The Merchants’ Exchange Hall will hold all the people who ought to be present at a Convention, and there is no need of any wigwam business at all.

BRITISH GALLANTRY.

American society has advanced so far in civilization in the last fifty years that it is hard to think of the social condition of this country fifty years ago. Then a riot on an election day was a matter of course, a riot was part of a fire and, when dramatic art in New York undertook to express its disapproval of the freshness of a newly arrived actor it mobbed him, and great was our disgrace therefore.

Yet it has never occurred to any American to offer a public insult to actress for the offence of being a foreigner. We have had some strong temptation, GALT with her “grisettes,” LANGTRY with her FREDIE, BERNARDI with her led captains, LYDIA THOMPSON with her novelties, have disappeared before us under circumstances that tempted our forbearance. But, whatever private American opinion has been, no open and public insult has ever been offered to any foreign actress in this country, under any circumstances.

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FROM A WASHINGTON LETTER.

It is a current rumor here that Villard’s bank account has been overdrawn by a deal of Washington money. Everybody here, stockmen to have been bitten by the drop in the North Pacific. Brady made a fortune by it. A good many Congressmen were hurt and they feel ugly about it. An ex-Senator who got a point from Villard paid \$20,000 for knowledge; a newspaper man dropped pretty much all he had into Villard’s coffers, and will be a ruinous loss to him. Villard is a body builder. There will be a raise in the Pacific Coast, and he will be a body builder. Villard, they say, does not care now whether his stock is good or not.

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**THE FREIGHT PROBLEM.**

**Just Where the Discrimination in Favor of Chicago Comes In.**

**The Bridge Arbitrary—Why Rates to Missouri River Points are Not Estimated Upon a Mileage Basis—What the Railroad Men Say.**

In the "Joint Freight Tariff" of the Southwestern Railway Association we find the following: "East St. Louis and all points on either bank of the Mississippi River to and including Rock Island, will take the same rates as shown from St. Louis." What does this mean? Simply that the bridge charge at St. Louis on all through-bound freight from Chicago shall be absorbed in the freight. In other words it costs no more to ship to Kansas City from East St. Louis than from St. Louis; yet goods shipped to St. Louis from the East are landed at East St. Louis and a charge of 5 cents per 100 pounds must be paid to the Bridge Company for transfer to St. Louis. This is a downright imposition which is daily inflicted on the merchants of St. Louis. Why is it that St. Louis is made a mere local point on the lines running into it from the East? The freight rates of the railroads make rates from St. Louis only; they do not recognize St. Louis as a shipping point. The magnificent structure which is built at St. Louis so much money, and which, it would seem, is to the benefit of her trade, is not manipulated by the railroad magnates to her detriment. While the merchants of Chicago and the East use it as a free thoroughfare, our own men have to pay to have it supported and maintained it. In the matter of freights many of our merchants have expressed it as their opinion that St. Louis was decidedly better off when the ferry boats plied between East St. Louis and East St. Louis. Complaints are made daily by our merchants of the outrage perpetrated upon them by this "bridge arbitrary"—yet never seen in this city this week.—Price Cook and Maggie Anderson were married on Wednesday.—John Dunham of Bates County was visiting friends this week.—Mr. H. V. Babcock of Waterloo, Iowa, and Miss Rebecca Douglass of Cooper County were married on Thursday morning to spend the holidays with friends. Miss Addie England.—H. F. Funk is in from his ranch in the southwest part of this State.—Mr. and Mrs. Bentz of St. Louis are visiting their son Harry.

**California, Mo.**  
Correspondence of the Post-Dispatch.  
**CALIFORNIA, Mo., December 22.—**Mr. H. Stock of St. Louis is in the city.—Mr. Will Dougherty was in the city this week.—Price Cook and Maggie Anderson were married on Wednesday.—John Dunham of Bates County was visiting friends this week.—Mr. H. V. Babcock of Waterloo, Iowa, and Miss Rebecca Douglass of Cooper County were married on Thursday morning to spend the holidays with friends. Miss Addie England.—H. F. Funk is in from his ranch in the southwest part of this State.—Mr. and Mrs. Bentz of St. Louis are visiting their son Harry.

"There do not deserve it," said he, "here is the bill of lading."

"Did it cost you any more?"  
"No, not me though it would look so from the bill of lading. I was guaranteed the free delivery rate. You see, I sent here that the charge from Chicago to East St. Louis was \$16 and the cost of transfer across the bridge \$10. It is a \$16 outgoing, and the merchant should be liable."

But with most woolens, it is well that cement was shipped by way of Chicago when the other is the shorter and apparently cheaper route.

Said one merchant: "What has this great Southwest system of railroads done for St. Louis? I can ship goods way up to Hannibal by the river and then reship them to points in Texas cheaper than I can ship them from here. Every transaction is a loss to us, and the railroads should be liable."

But with most woolens, it is well that cement was shipped by way of Chicago when the other is the shorter and apparently cheaper route."

The secretary of one of our largest store manufacturers said that where he noticed the greatest discrimination against St. Louis in freight rates was to points in the Southwest. St. Louis was compelled to pay from 20 to 30 per cent more than the Eastern cities, Cincinnati and Louisville, while to Southwestern points those cities paid only 8 cents more than St. Louis. On a mileage basis the rates were about equal, but the roads should bear the same. The Louisville and Nashville and the Cincinnati Southern roads were, he thought, mostly responsible for this.

**THE RAILROAD MEN.**  
Correspondence of the Post-Dispatch.  
**JOPLIN, Mo., December 23.—**The twelfth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Joplin Mining and Smelting Company was held yesterday. The lands controlled by the company have been increased to 1,700,554 acres of zinc ore. The following directors were chosen: Wm. Christian, Independence; J. W. Lewis, Glasgo; C. F. Taylor, J. B. Lovett, and W. H. T. Jones, Joplin. The attorney elected president and treasurer and J. B. Glover vice-president and secretary. The tenth anniversary of the W. C. T. U. was celebrated to-day in all the halls of the city. The Joplin school board appointed Rev. Charles H. Bush, rector of the Episcopal Church here.—Miss Bettie, daughter of J. B. Dawson of this town, had a son born on Friday last. In her room she lay down to rest, with her head in front of the fire. While walking in her sleep she opened the door and stepped out, falling to the ground. It is not known how long she lay there, but when found her clothes were wet and fainting. She was unconscious, but hope was still unconsciously, but hopes were entertained of her recovery.—A young miner on Friday had a number of light exercises in the street, while a spark of fire fell on a cap and exploded all of them, blowing his hand and wrist into a thousand pieces.

**BOUGH ON COUGHS** troches 15c, liquid 50c.  
TEN per cent discount on overcoat. Polack's

**EMBAZZLEMENT.**

**Book-keeper Charged with the Offense by His Employer.**

Mr. Wm. P. Howard, the well-known commission merchant, this morning swore out a warrant against his book-keeper, Arthur J. Jennings, charging him with embezzling \$6,500. The discovery of irregularities in the books of the firm, which is doing business at 408 North Wells, was made several days ago, when Mr. Howard found an item of \$24.03 duplicated in the cash-book. The explanation of the entry, which would alter the balance, was by any means satisfactory, and the next day Mr. Howard investigated the conduct of his book-keeper, and found that he was the victim of a deliberate and inexcusable swindle, perpetrated with due regard to his generosity and the probability of his forgiving the theft. Late Saturday night a sum of \$3,280, in the book-keeper's account was found, and the police were called in. It was decided yesterday to arrest Jennings, who had in the meantime sent word that he was short of money, and had not a moment in option dead.

This is, there is an arbitrary difference ranging from 30 to 50 cents according to classification, added to St. Louis rates for Chicago. Chicago is 21 miles farther from Kansas City than St. Louis, and if rates were calculated on a mileage basis, the difference would not stand a mileage basis in the Southwest, but also forces St. Louis to stand it in the East.

The present tariff rates from St. Louis and Chicago to Kansas City and Missouri River points, are as follows:

St. Louis.....1st 2d 3d 4th 5th  
Chicago.....100 85 70 60 50  
St. Louis.....116 98 85 60 45

That is, because St. Louis is 150 miles farther from the Gulf of Mexico, Chicago is 21 miles farther on Chicago rates. Now this percentage is uniform on every class of freight. From New York to the West St. Louis is taxed 119 per cent on Chicago rates.

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Portland or Mrs. Abbey.Christmas Week Attractions—Jefferson  
—Young Mrs. Winthrop — "Devil's  
Austin" — "Humpty-Dumpty" — Joe  
Murphy — Edwards' Comique — Dime  
Museum, Etc.admirable than his Acres is Frederick Rob-  
inson's Sir Anthony Absolute. Miss Drew's  
what a feminine comedy used to  
beakland, Sir Lucius and Fog are  
hands of most capable artists. Miss Rosa  
Rand is an ideal Lydia Languish, and ap-  
preciates the character in all its good parts.The Christmas bills will be interestingly  
varied. "Rin Van Winkle" being announced  
for the matinee and "Crickets on the Hearth"  
for the evening. The former is a new  
bill. Such a form of comedy as Jefferson  
in three such varied characters as Rip,  
Caleb/Jammer and Mr. Gladstone on one date  
has not been offered in St. Louis for years.One of the finest, clearest, and at the same  
time most interesting plays ever given on  
the American stage, Mr. Brown's Howard's  
House—Omega, will be presented in the  
American style, and the matinee and  
evening bills will be interestingly varie-died, before the night of a blaring fire, will all be  
up-to-night as a token of confidence and belief  
in the existence and coming of that glorious old  
and familiar saying, "We will stand by you." We  
will have the pleasure of stuffing them all with  
tokens of the occasion; but as we are not possessed of  
the United States Treasury, you'll have  
to "take care" with the door and step over  
the threshold, and when you do, our kindest hearts  
will wish you a "Merry Christmas," with many more to follow.

We keep open house to-day until 10 p.m.

You will find many useful presents in our various  
departments, which, for your guidance today, we  
have once more selected.

Clothing for Men and Boys.

Shoes for Ladies, Misses and Children.

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Silk Wear for Girls, Ladies, Misses, Boys and Children.

Neckwear, Silk Handkerchiefs, elegant Suspenders,

Neck Mufflers, Collars, Cuffs and Neck Wear for

Gentlemen, Ladies, Men and Children's Clothing; La-

dered Capes and Mufflers, Gloves for Gentlemen and

Kid Slits and Overcoats for Little Boys and Girls.

Boots for Ladies and Misses.

And a thousand other things appropriate and useful

ready for your selection, which will be exchanged in  
any case for a full suit for cash to-day, at our People's Out-

fitters, Fifth and Morgan streets, "F. S. &amp; C. CO."

Once more.

Edwards' Theatre Comique was crowded

last evening with a delighted audience, and the

extensive bill afforded great pleasure to

all, and the evening was a success.

The Christmas pantomime which closed the per-

formance was uproariously funny and intrigu-

ing, and a great deal of new and amus-

ing business. A continuation of the same

will be given to-morrow, and it will furnish

a good method to pass Christmas afternoon.

Gregory's Dime Museum was crowded all

yesterday, and will have a full day of

holiday patronage this week.

The Russian man has no conscientious scruples

against exhibiting himself on Sundays and

he caused much wonder and excitement yes-

terday. The four Russian Circassians

and the other extensive attractions afford

the patrons abundant food for amusement

and instruction.

The Messiah' representation at the

Chamber of Commerce on the 28th will be

the greatest musical event which has taken

place in St. Louis for years.

The grand band and orchestra are the chief attrac-

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The St. Louis Musical Union will hold its

annual rehearsal on Wednesday morning at the

Naturatorium, the concert taking place the

following evening at the same place.

CHERUB.

Stage Splinters.

Minnie Vickers gave an extra performance of

"Jacqueline" last evening to a poor house.

Phil Branson of Ford's Company is now

well known to local theater-goers, and the

new specialties are very fair in their

ability to attract and amuse.

It is a good holiday

attraction, and peculiarly adapted to

Christmas week. "Humpty-Dumpty" will

be given at to-morrow's matinee.

George H. Adams, an excellent pantomimist,

gave his version of "Humpty-Dumpty" at

the Standard last evening to a crowded

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A very fine house expected the return of

"The Devil's Auction" to the People's Thea-

ter last evening, the upper tiers being crowded.

I think it demonstrates that if man-

kind would exercise a little more originality

in his pantomimes their reception would be more substantial.

Some of the show pieces have come back to

St. Louis until they are very eye-sore-s,

in the hands of either the author or the

specialists who introduce them.

The specialties are really made.

The public may be gulled this way for a while, but the man-

agers are really pulling the wool over their

eyes, and the audience will be given a

good suggestion to Meers, Gardner, Gal-

lager and Gilmore. Their success in the "The

Devil's Auction" has been very decided, but

as far as I can see, the managers could do

no better.

The specialities last night were fully

appraised. The first, a frolic

of Mam and Bartholomew, the peacock and

oriental ballet, the leue trapze act and

the sparring act of the Williams "Kids"

were really good, and the girls were

absolutely perfect.

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